## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re Application of

Gerhard SCHMAUS

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For: Use of diphenylmethane derivatives

AS TYROSINASE INHIBITORS

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the patents and publications listed on attached Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in the subject application.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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